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No. 6,173,317), in further view of Bennington et al. (U.S. Pat No. 6,418,556, hereafter Bennington). The Applicants disagree with this ground of rejection.

As explained above, in regards with the combination by the Examiner with Goodman with Chaddha, there is a problem of synchronizing data (from Chaddha) with the transport system of Goodman. This situation would be further complicated by using the teachings of Bennington for determining the availability of web page information associated with a broadcast video program, as in Claim 19. Such an operation would also have to occur in real time, or close to real time, a function that Goodman has difficulty with (Goodman, column 11, line 63 to column 12, line 7). This operation would need to take place in close to real time, for Claim 20, where a video decoder acquires and processes available content from an Internet data source. Hence, Goodman teaches away from its combination with Chaddha and Bennington, and one skilled in the art would not combine the references together to arrive at the features claimed in Claims 19 and 20.

For the reasons given above, Claim 19 and 20 are believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and Applicants request that the rejection of Claims 19 and 20 be withdrawn. Applicants also request that the rejections to Claims 21-22, be withdrawn, as they depend on Claim 19.

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